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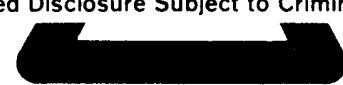
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**NEW SCUD SSM SUPPORT FACILITY
PHA LAI SSM SUPPORT FACILITY, VIETNAM (SWN)**

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1. **SIGNIFICANCE:** A NEW SCUD SURFACE-TO-SURFACE MISSILE (SSM) SUPPORT FACILITY HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED APPROXIMATELY 30 NM EAST-NORTHEAST OF HANOI AND 70 NM SOUTH OF THE VIETNAM-CHINA BORDER. THIS IS THE SECOND SCUD SSM SUPPORT FACILITY TO BE IDENTIFIED IN VIETNAM. (SWN)
2. **REMARKS:** THE FACILITY CONTAINS AN OPERATIONS/STORAGE AREA, A BIPROPELLANT STORAGE AREA, AND A PERSONNEL SUPPORT AREA. THE OPERATIONS/STORAGE AREA CONSISTS OF ONE HIGH-BAY, DRIVE-THROUGH MISSILE CHECKOUT BUILDING, ONE LARGE REVETTED MISSILE/WARHEAD STORAGE BUILDING, ONE PROBABLE DRIVE-THROUGH BUILDING, THREE TRANSPORTER-ERECTOR-LAUNCHER (TEL)/RESUPPLY SEMITRAILER STORAGE BUILDINGS, TWO LARGE STORAGE/MAINTENANCE BUILDINGS (ONE WITH MONITOR ROOF), 17 VEHICLE/EQUIPMENT STORAGE BUILDINGS, AND EIGHT SUPPORT BUILDINGS. THE BIPROPELLANT STORAGE AREA IS IMMEDIATELY NORTHEAST OF THE OPERATIONS/STORAGE AREA AND CONSISTS OF A LOOP PATTERN SERVICE ROAD WITH THREE PARTIALLY REVETTED SHEDS AND TWO BUILDINGS UNDER CONSTRUCTION. THE PERSONNEL SUPPORT AREA CONSISTS OF TWO ADMINISTRATION BUILDINGS, 20 BARRACKS, AT LEAST THREE MESSHALLS, AND 14 STORAGE/SUPPORT BUILDINGS. THE FACILITY APPEARS CAPABLE OF HOUSING A NINE-TEL SCUD BRIGADE. CONSTRUCTION OF THIS FACILITY BEGAN IN MID-SEPTEMBER 1982 AND WAS COMPLETED BY EARLY NOVEMBER 1983. NO SSM-ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY OBSERVED HERE. (SWN)

SCUD-ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT WAS POSITIONED FOR A MISSILE CHECKOUT EXERCISE (INSET) AT THE EAST END OF THE FACILITY. THE EQUIPMENT CONSISTED OF ONE 20-METER DRIVE-THROUGH SERVICE TENT, ONE PROBABLE PROPULSION CHECKOUT VAN, TWO PROBABLE ELECTRICAL CHECKOUT VANS, ONE POSSIBLE AIR COMPRESSOR VAN, TWO SMALL GENERATOR TRAILERS, AND TWO CARGO TRUCKS. THE SCUD-ASSOCIATED VEHICLES WERE PARKED IN A TYPICAL SOVIET-STYLE PATTERN AROUND THE SERVICE TENT. NO SCUD TEL'S OR RESUPPLY SEMITRAILERS WERE OBSERVED WITH THE EXERCISE OR IN THE INSTALLATION. EIGHT 8-METER-LONG UNIDENTIFIED OBJECTS WERE IN A FENCE-SECURED AREA IMMEDIATELY IN FRONT OF A TEL/RESUPPLY SEMITRAILER STORAGE BUILDING. (SWN)

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ANALYST'S COMMENTS: GIVEN THE MAXIMUM RANGE OF THE SCUD MISSILE (300 KM), THE SCUD UNIT HOUSED AT THIS FACILITY COULD EASILY DEPLOY TO POSITIONS CLOSER TO THE GULF OF TONKIN AND BE WITHIN STRIKING RANGE OF THE WESTERN COAST OF HAINAN DAO (ISLAND) AND THE WESTERN COAST OF LEIZHOU BANDOU (PENINSULA) IN CHINA. THE UNIT WOULD ALSO BE WELL-WITHIN RANGE OF THREE MAJOR AIRFIELDS AND NUMEROUS GROUND FORCE INSTALLATIONS IN THE GUANGZHOU MILITARY REGION, CHINA, AND AT LEAST SIX MAJOR CORRIDORS ALONG THE VIETNAM-CHINA BORDER. (SWN)

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